

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Hoyer, Supervisor Schadewald, Supervisor Brusky, Supervisor Linssen, Supervisor De Wane
Also Present: Supervisor Zima, Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, Human Services Finance Manager Eric Johnson, Nursing Home Administrator Luke Schubert, Health Environmental/Lab Manager Rob Gollman, Health Director Deborah Armbruster, Director of Community Programs Nancy Fennema, other interested parties and news media

****Audio of this meeting is available by contacting the County Board Office at (920) 448-4015****

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hoyer at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of July 21, 2016.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public

-William Acker - 3217 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI

Acker informed that the minutes from the last meeting did not include the e-mail he received from Professor Salt in the narrative portion of the minutes. Supervisor Brusky and others on the Committee indicated that the e-mail was included in the attachments of the minutes online and was also included in the minutes that went to the full Board. In addition, the recording secretary noted that minutes that come before the Committee do not include the attachments that are included online. Acker said the minutes reflect Chair Hoyer's statement of his e-mail from Professor Salt, but not the e-mail he received from Professor Salt commenting on Hoyer's use of the e-mail. Supervisor Schadewald confirmed that all County Board Supervisors received the e-mail Professor Salt sent to Acker at the full County Board meeting. The recording secretary confirmed that the e-mail was included in the minutes posted online as well. Acker provided a handout on this, a copy of which is attached.

-Jim Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI

Vanden Boogart referred to the black binder presented by him at the last meeting that contained a list of professionals who have expressed a concern for neighbors living near the wind turbines along with some of the statements they have made. The purpose of the submission of the binder was to demonstrate that the concerns for health impacts from wind turbines is not just a local issue; it is an international issue and is supported by people all over the world. Vanden Boogart provided the Committee with a letter that was sent to the Rural Health Organization in August signed by professionals across the world. A copy of this letter is attached. Vanden Boogart said this is not something people are just imagining, it is something that is going on around the world.

Report from Human Services Chair, Erik Hoyer

Chair Hoyer indicated that the next few Human Services meetings will be held at different locations as follows:

-September meeting – Health Department – 5:30 pm (5 pm tour of the Facility).

-October meeting – Budget Meeting – 5:30pm – Auditorium, Basement of Central Library; date to be determined

Hoyer said holding the meeting at the Health Department will give the Committee the opportunity to get a better understanding of what is done at the Health Department and will also help the Committee understand the challenges involved in moving the laboratories and other aspects of the facility. Hoyer also said he has spoken with the head of ASPIRO about not having the budget meeting at ASPIRO this year. Hoyer said the reason he would like to hold the budget meeting at the Central Library is because the auditorium has been renovated recently and there has been a considerable amount of money put into this and Hoyer feels that having the budget meeting there would be a good way to showcase the completed project. The November meeting will be held in Room 200 of the Northern Building.

Hoyer next referenced the letter that the Committee members received in their packet from Judge Zuidmulder asking for another Clerk to assist with the Treatment Courts and he would like the Committee to review this and think about it as he would like to do whatever can be done to get this in the budget because the Treatment Courts are a very good program.

1. Review Minutes of:

a. Children With Disabilities Education Board (August 9, 2016).

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee (April 15, 2016).

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (July 19, 2016).

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Communications

2. Communication from Supervisor Schadewald re: This communication is my request that the annual payment from Duke Energy for the Shirley Wind Project be placed in a segregated fund in the 2017 budget under the Health Dept. for use in a study of health effects of wind turbines on residents of Brown County. *Referred from July County Board.*

Schadewald informed he attended the Planning, Development and Transportation Committee meeting requesting this but they were opposed and wanted to keep the funds where they are because they have always been there. Schadewald said when the Duke Energies turbines were put in there was an agreement that the Duke Energy payment would go to the Planning Department because they had done some original work with the planning of the location of the turbines. Since then Planning has not done any work, but the money stays there, thereby keeping the tax levy low for them by the amount of about \$25,000. Schadewald said most of the members of PD&T said that when Human Services has a plan and knows what the money would be used for they will support this at budget time. The initial concern among the PD&T members was that the money would be used for a study. Schadewald said the only thing he is going to do with this over the next few months is figure out if additional funds for things like equipment, new processes or programs are needed in the Health Department and if there are any needs he will ask that the County Board support the spending of the Duke Energies money for Health Department needs that would help the people. He does not believe that PD&T should keep that money just because they always had the money.

Supervisor De Wane agreed with Schadewald and does not think the money belongs in PD&T. He felt the funds should be moved now so the Health Department can keep an eye on where the money is and how it is spent. Further, he felt moving it now would get it done with one procedure instead of multiple procedures and he thinks something should be presented at this meeting so it can be voted on at the next County Board meeting.

Supervisor Linssen said he is not opposed to this idea, but noted it was mentioned that the money was not being used at PD&T. Schadewald responded that every department makes a budget showing revenues and expenses. These funds are under the revenue category to Planning, but there are no expenses listed. This is a segregated fund in the

2017 budget. Linssen asked how this would fit into the Health Department budget because he sees that the full sum that is received is not being used on an annual basis and asked if Schadewald's intention is that the funds be applied to other parts of Human Services if it is not being used for a specific cause. Schadewald said he believes we need to formulate the expenses to make it a valid argument that the Health Department should get the money. In other words, he would like this set up to show the revenue and the expenses so that everyone can see. Linssen asked if Schadewald is proposing that these funds be used explicitly for issues related to wind turbines or if it is something that the Health Department could deem to be used for other uses under their general budget. Linssen said he would be in agreement with this.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to return the funds to the Human Services budget under the Health Department. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Communication from Supervisor Erickson re: Discussion and possible action requiring department heads to keep County Board Resolution binder along with internal policy binder to ensure County Board policies are followed, and present them yearly to Administration to ensure compliance. *Motion at June Executive Committee: To refer to each committee.***

Schadewald stated that basically they want administrators to have this information readily available in each department. Linssen asked if this originated because of the situations that arose in the Highway Department. Hoyer said the ordinances that the County currently has are available online at any time, but what is being discussed here would be nuances of a specific areas that need communication in both directions. Human Services Director Erik Pritzl responded that County Board-issued or Administration-issued policies are all available online. If the County Board makes a change to a policy via resolution Pritzl would hope that the policy is updated so the resolution does not always need to be cross-referenced. He noted that Human Services does have a lot of policies and they are in the process of transitioning to an online format. The Community Treatment Center has already implemented this and Community Programs is also implementing the online format so everything is available to staff at all times.

Schadewald said what they are interested in is assuring there are clear lines of communication so when the County Board makes a resolution or changes a policy it is communicated to all departments. Pritzl said he gets memos through Administration or Human Resources when there are changes. Schadewald said the Executive Committee just wants to be sure that changes are communicated.

Supervisor Zima said it seems that over the years things tend to slip away or get washed over. He said Erickson's intent with this communication is to find a way to make sure that departments are following County Board policy. He noted there may be things that are department specific, but felt that keeping a binder of the rules and policies and procedures that apply to a specific department would not be hard to do. The department heads should be familiar with the policies and Zima would assume that when things are changed Administration should put out a memo to the department heads and the appropriate information should also be provided to staff.

Linssen thought Erickson was trying to make sure that the ordinances and the actual practice of the departments lined up. Zima agreed and said it appears Erickson is trying to keep each department up to date.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane to have staff update county policies and make sure they are forwarded to all department heads. No second; no vote taken.

Motion made by Supervisor Linssen; seconded by Supervisor De Wane to have department heads review County Board policies and ordinances and compare to actual practice within their departments and report back with discrepancies and recommendation for reconciling any differences. No vote taken.

Supervisor Brusky felt part of the issue was the history of when the ordinances were made. She said if the history is available, the minutes could be looked up and you could see what the situation was that preceded the decision. Hoyer felt this was a two way street and everyone was in favor of having clear communication in both directions.

Pritzl added that in general he tries to avoid a lot of custom policies in his department and would rather follow the County policies than do a lot of customization.

Schadewald added that the Internal Auditor does what Linssen has suggested in his motion. He said the Executive Committee gives the Internal Auditor areas to audit and then the Auditor provides a report to the Executive Committee that outlines the policies and codes and how they are being followed and then makes recommendations. Schadewald feels the motion can be made to have a general review of policies, but asking them to go through every policy would be an internal audit. Zima noted not every department is audited; the Executive Committee sets the work schedule for internal audit and they usually go over the departments where there has been some conflict. Schadewald's personal opinion would be for a general review and Linssen indicated that he would be agreeable to amend his motion for a general review.

Motion made by Supervisor Linssen, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to have Department Heads review County Board policies and ordinances and have a general review by the end of the year. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wind Turbine Update

4. Update for Environmental Division on complaint process. *Motion at July Human Services: To hold until the next meeting.*

Environmental/Laboratory Manager Rob Gollman provided handouts, a copy of which are attached. Gollman said the first handout shows an approximation of costs for responding to infrasound low frequency noise calls. He said he used the word *approximation* because there are obviously a number of unknowns within this. This does include an after-hours on-call breakdown which currently they do not have. Gollman said they rely on their inspectors to respond to calls as best they can, but with an additional burden, he felt this model may be something the Health Department would really want to consider. He continued that mileage expenses would be unknown. Currently they pay mileage to and from the site of the complaint. Gollman was unable to get some of the figures because his attempts to contact acousticians remain unanswered to date. He noted he tried to contact four different acousticians to get information, but did not receive responses from any of them and that is why there are some unknowns. At this point this is still a work in process.

The complaint form that Gollman distributed is the basic generic complaint form. He noted he sent a copy of the response he received from the Department of Health Services, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health to members of this Committee as well as the Board of Health. He felt it was important for the Committee to see where the State is with is. Gollman noted the process was quite painful at best as shown in the e mail string and noted that the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health is not in a big hurry to lend any assistance. Gollman had to copy in the Director of the Department of Health Services in order to get a response. The Bureau Chief did not want to respond, nor did the Section Chief or the individual above them. Gollman said some consideration may want to be given to the response given by Chief of the Health Hazard Evaluation Section Mark Werner. He continued that when he first received Werner's e-mail he was very disappointed because he did not see a real offer or commitment to lend assistance. The State Division is who Brown County goes to as environmental health specialists statewide for assistance and it is clear that they do not want to help. Gollman said he will have to reinvent the wheel in order to move forward with this, but he was honest in saying he does not have the expertise to do this. He will need some direction from the Human Services Committee moving forward as to where they want to go with this.

Schadewald informed he had communicated with Rick James who advised that he will have a suggestion as to the ordinance by the end of the year. Schadewald will go to the Board of Health and try to push for this before the end of the year. He also noted that Supervisor Evans sent an e-mail regarding a house that was abandoned in Vermont that will be turned into a research center. Schadewald felt since there are people looking at doing some of this research we do not have to reinvent the wheel. He would like to reach out to the people in Vermont and let them know that we are interested in what they are doing. Gollman also wished to point out that he made requests to the Environmental Protection Agency and the EPA Region 5 of which Brown County is a part of. He sent an e-mail request for assistance to their Director, their Research Officer, Chief Medical Officer and their Environmental Health Specialist, but he did not receive a reply from anyone.

De Wane likes what Gollman has done and felt that he cannot do a lot more with people who do not respond to him. He said we have to let the people know that we are not going to sit back on this, but have to keep putting pressure on these people until something gets done. De Wane said he certainly appreciates what Gollman is doing. Linssen

echoed this and suggested that it may be worth reaching out to the congressional representative for our district to encourage him to encourage the EPA to respond on this. He said that this is a local government issue and the lack of response, no matter what their position is, is of concern to him and he felt that perhaps the congressional representative could apply a little pressure.

Zima said the very least that can be done by the Health Department is go out on complaints, meet with the complainant, and take down as much information as possible about what they are experiencing so the information becomes part of a file of complaints so there is something to analyze at some point. Zima said he would not stand for no responses from the individuals and agencies Gollman has contacted and feels that this is unacceptable. He said at the very least the County has to show that they are collecting data that someone somewhere done the line can find useful. Hoyer asked if Zima is recommending proposing the staffing necessary to do that in the budget next year. Zima responded that we have a department that is supposed to respond to calls and at this time we are not asking for someone to go out there and do extensive studies with equipment, he is talking about collecting data to see what the complaints are to create a database and this should be able to be done with existing staff.

Gollman responded that the reality is that the Health Department cannot meet program objectives even when they are fully staffed and noted that another sanitarian just resigned. He said another position would need to be added for this. Zima said that that is not a reason to not do what they can when they can. He said the Human Services Committee needs to decide whether they need extra help and the recommendation would have to be made to the County Board, but it is not a reason not to do what can be done when it can be done.

De Wane said he has seen a lot of problems throughout the County and he understands that it is hard for the Health Department to get enough manpower to do things. He agrees with Zima but noted that we cannot put this on just the back of the Health Department. He felt that some money should be put aside to hire someone so when they get these calls, someone can go out and see what is going on to work on finding a solution. We need to figure out what we need and put someone on an on-call basis to go out and deal with the noise frequency complaints. De Wane feels there is not a real understanding of what goes on and having someone available on a contract-type basis to go out and take the complaints and report back would be beneficial.

Linssen asked if the investigation form Gollman distributed is currently being used for windmill complaints. Gollman responded that the form is used more specifically for the current noise ordinance, but the ordinance needs to be revised. The current ordinance in Chapter 39 of the Brown County Code was last revised in May 2002. It is woefully inadequate in its present form and Gollman feels the noise ordinance should be bundled together to deal with audible and inaudible noise. The complaint form that he distributed is the general form that is used for all complaints.

Gollman brought up HIPAA concerns and noted that when people are reporting medical symptoms, we have to be very mindful of how they are handled. This is something that a lot of thought will need to be put into. Schadewald said this would be a perfect use for the \$25,000 talked about earlier. We could contract for someone to go out and get complaints from the Shirley Wind Farm on an on-call basis. Linssen also suggested that a specific form could be formulated that is more of a two part form where the medical portion of the complaint is not on the same form as the generic information. Gollman said something like that may be possible but he wanted to be sure that the appropriate questions and follow-up questions are considered. Schadewald added that we do not want to give anyone the illusion that people will be sent out to take a medical history. What he is saying is for someone to get a complaint that includes the time, date, and location along with some basic symptoms that will be used to create a database of complaints.

Gollman said they do not record medical symptoms as a general rule and the Health Department is more focused on enforcement of ordinances. They do not have something with regard to wind turbines to enforce, but if they are going to start recording complaints about medical conditions he questioned how it would be verified and how to know the data is useful. Gollman understands the intent, but does not know where the data would go. Linssen said he would like to see names, locations, dates and times of complaints logged. Zima also thought the nature of the complaint should be recorded, but the questions of HIPAA were raised again. Schadewald thought all that was being recorded at this time was the name of the person and date and time of the complaint to see who is complaining. Linssen felt the information would be valuable to set the stage if there is a need to go further with specifics for testing in certain locations in the future. Zima reiterated that all he was interested in at this time is collecting data.

Schadewald said there does not seem to be a lack of data. What he recalled was that the Health Department wanted to have an official log of complaints in the County with regard to the wind turbines. Gollman said that that can be done if there is no response such as going out there that was expected. He said it is a moving target and Schadewald agreed. Gollman said that it would be best for individuals to call in their complaints during regular business hours. Schadewald asked what the cost would be to take complaints 24/7. Gollman said that a separate phone line could be set up for this. Gollman will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Brusky said if people are calling to complain, it would be obvious that something is going on with them at that point. Linssen said it could be logged as a general health complaint. Schadewald said most people realize there are people suffering, but we don't have the medical study or research to convince health directors and others that this is a health problem. He continued that we are fighting small battles, but the war that needs to be won is determining that the infrasound is medically the reason for the symptoms people are having. Schadewald said what we were asking as part of one of those battles was getting an official log that says the turbines are off, and people are feeling better or the turbines are on and people do not feel good. Linssen agreed that we are not looking for specific symptoms, but just the negative effects or the positive effects. Schadewald liked the idea of a hotline that could take down complaints.

Zima said if someone would call and the recording asked the people to leave their name, location, date and time and nature of the complaint, the County could then keep the specifics. If the public felt it was something specific that someone needed to come out for, the Health Department would be able to use their judgment as to whether to go out. The collection of data would help the County make judgments as to how the County should react to the problems. Zima noted that if there are enough complaints about something, it can be treated as a nuisance. He felt that keeping data would allow the County to be as helpful as possible within their limits and it would show the constituents that the County is trying to be helpful instead of ignoring people.

De Wane said the hot line should say the County is investigating the issues and the caller can just leave their information but they would still know that the County is looking into things. Gollman said he will come back at the next meeting to let the Committee know what progress he has made.

No action taken.

5. Cost of peer review.

Hoyer said in terms of the cost of peer review, in the academic world the cost of peer review is nothing because the whole goal of peer review is to ensure that pieces are ready for publication. The costs incurred in that are part of the subscription. However, what is being looked for here is sort of outside of that. We are not looking to create a file ready for publication and in a certain format. If we submitted it as if it was for publication, it would get kicked back because it is a very specific and prescriptive way of creating a file to submit to the process of peer review. Hoyer said he has contacted the editors or filled out the online form for three different large, international cross curricular multi-disciplinary journal organizations and told them what we are looking for. He also picked a couple of specific journals including the organization that oversees the Acoustical Society of America and one other acoustic journal. Hoyer has heard back from one of those and indicated that they are looking to see if what we are looking for is merely pointing to individuals and having them submit materials and have them review it, or some sort of study where the information is given to the journal who then gives it to the scientists who review it and send it back with comments. Hoyer said he followed up with that journal and asked them for costs because out of respect for time put into this, there would be costs incurred. He does not know if the peer review is still a priority and he is looking for feedback from the Committee.

Linssen said in general he is opposed to this, but if the Committee does wish to pursue it, he felt there could be a different route to go about getting a review. He said he is an attorney and, as such, at times he hires specific experts in certain fields to testify in cases. He noted there are companies that aggregate experts who will review a lawsuit and render professional opinions, put together a report and make themselves available for questioning should the need arise. He felt that it may be beneficial to contact an organization who has a singular expert in the medical field if what is being looked for is a second opinion on the report. Linssen felt this may be a better avenue than a journal. Hoyer said the idea behind going to the journal was that they would have the infrastructure for peer review and he felt that what Linssen is talking about is a variation on that. Linssen is not interested in pursuing peer review any further as he

does not see what it would accomplish in the big picture. Schadewald asked if Hoyer had gotten any costs for the peer review from the journal and Hoyer responded that he has not received costs to date. De Wane added that at this time we should go forward without the peer review, but noted that if something comes up that changes the Committee's mind, they could move forward at that time.

Zima said the reason the peer review was requested was to have another group of eyes looking at this to see if it was sufficiently reviewed. He said most people do not think it was sufficiently reviewed. Zima continued that the peer review is not to indict anybody or anything else; it would just be asking for further review to be done. When a new Health Director is hired, they can review the other information that is available and make a further report. Zima is not interested in knocking down the report or praising it, but there is a lot of doubt in the community as to how thoroughly the information was reviewed before the Health Director came to her decision. If a peer review said that information was not reviewed in its entirety, that tells one thing, and if they said that the review was sufficient, then that would be important to know as well. Zima continued that the information that was forwarded to the Committee and the Board raised a lot of eyebrows and we are looking for a way not to insult people, but still allow us to go forward if the review was insufficient. If the peers were to say it was not a thorough review we could ask the new Health Director to do a thorough review of all of the information and make a report. The current decision seems to be based on review of only certain aspects and there was no response one way or another to the rest of the information. Zima continued that Acker mentioned a group for peer review that was highly recommended and Zima felt that we should carry through with having a peer review. He said he is not interested in spending a large amount of money on this and said that it is not a huge document that would take a team of scholars a year to review. Zima said for the people who come to these meetings month after month, they get the impression that there is fiddle faddle going on. He continued that he does not quit until he gets an answer and he tries to get a variety of opinions on subjects. When something comes up that is important and is brought specifically to his attention, he gets like a bull dog to get the answers. Zima does not feel that this issue was thoroughly reviewed and he would like to see another set of eyes looking at this.

Linssen suggested we look into obtaining an expert review through a company that does legal testimony expert reviews and request that they do an independent review and report back on findings. He can provide the names of companies that do that and then documentation can be presented to the companies and the companies can provide a quote. The quote could then come back to this Committee for further decision before being brought to the full County Board. Schadewald wanted to be sure that Linssen understood we are not seeking a legal opinion. Linssen understands that and said he is talking about people with PhDs in that particular topic and their expertise is in reviewing work done by other experts and rendering an opinion on it based on their own expertise. Linssen continued that this is different than a journal-type review and he felt this proposal would be more appropriate for what is being discussed. If the reasonableness of Chua's decision is being questioned, Linssen felt that what would be most beneficial is a PhD in that specific field who would review all of the materials that have been reviewed and then render an opinion as to if Chua's conclusion was within reason. Zima said he thinks that Linssen is going too far with this. Linssen said the Committee could vote on whether or not to do this after a quote is received, but he felt this was more along the lines of what is being looked for instead of an institution like SAGE.

De Wane felt a peer review is needed, but he would like to see this put off for a month to give the organizations that have been contacted a chance to get back to us with a quote. Zima said the peer review would be to see if the process was followed as well as it should have been. He is willing to give whatever help he can.

**Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to hold for one month. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. Questions for Attorney General.

Hoyer informed he was in contact with legal counsel Kristen Hooker over the last few weeks and she has been working on putting this together. Corporation Counsel is currently short a few positions and is quite challenged, but Hooker has done good work on this and is hoping to have this done soon so the Committee can look at it to ensure that the nature of what she wrote is what we are asking. Hoyer said Hooker truly wants to do this in the most effective and thorough way possible.

Zima felt this should be received and placed on file because nobody is here to questions whether there is a right to overturn the decision. Hoyer said in terms of our role and the oversight, because there is a uniqueness of the relationship between the Committee, the Board and the Health Director he feels it deserves clarity, regardless of the decisions of the former Health Director.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to hold for one month. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Receive new information.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to open the floor to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barbara Vanden Boogart – 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI

Vanden Boogart referred to people calling in to let the Health Department know they were not suffering any effects, and said that was the result of a 3 ½ day shutdown of the Shirley Wind Project and she is aware that during that time there were numerous calls from people saying that their symptoms changed and there were improvements. She just wanted to make it clear that the reason these people were calling in to say that they were feeling better was because the turbines were off for a continuous period of days and nights. Scientifically, that case crossover study-type thing is that the emissions were not being expelled and people noticed a difference.

Vanden Boogart continued that having complains logged is very important because they were aware that the dilemma of documenting health issues was meaning that people were not getting their complaints logged. Schadewald said that the days the turbines were off have been recorded.

De Wane asked that this item be carried forward as a standing item for future agendas.

No action taken.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Department

8. Examine scheduling issues at Community Treatment Center – *standing item per motion at April 2016 meeting.*

Hospital Administrator Luke Schubert informed that they have gotten the survey results and are in the process of analyzing the responses as to what areas the nursing department would like to be assessed. They increased the survey response time to get more feedback based on the listening sessions. About 60 responses were received and a meeting will be set up to discuss the results further. Pritzl added that the survey was run through Human Resources so that Human Services staff did not know who was responding or what specific people were saying.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald bring this back when the report is done. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Executive Director's Report.

Pritzl provided handouts, a copy of which is attached. He outlined the mental health initiatives that are currently underway. With regard to the day report center, scoring and reference checks are complete and Purchasing will be awarding a contract soon. Pritzl said reference checks took a little longer than expected because not all people who were contacted for references responded in a timely fashion. The delay was slight but they are ready to make things official now. Pritzl spoke next about detox services and indicated that a guide and information has been distributed to law enforcement jurisdictions and they are all aware of the process. There have been some detox situations already and there have also been some voluntary situations that were approved and went through Bay Haven. These people are brought to Bay Haven from Bellin and then they go through the outpatient orientation and initial assessment. They are learning as they go and are trying to find ways to make people more active in their treatment and make sure

that discharge is being planned for so people don't leave without a plan. Pritzl said a lot of the issues stem from homelessness where having a discharge residence is a challenge. He said all municipalities are aware of the process and the first department to use the process was De Pere but he felt the highest utilization will probably be through the Green Bay Police Department. Pritzl continued that mobile crisis expansion was been completed in July with all positions filled. There was an increase in mobile crisis of about 21% from June to July and there was also an increase in diversion stays. The benchmark of having mobile crisis response time of less than 30 minutes was achieved in 88% of mobile crisis calls. He noted there are times when people are getting medical clearance so it takes longer, but they continue to work on this. The residential treatment is the last part of the initiative and he believes that he will be bringing forth a proposal in September that identifies how the residential treatment should be addressed. He said a number of options were looked at and they will be bringing forth the one that they think is the best.

Schadewald said that \$1.15 million was given for these initiatives this year and asked what the cost for next year would be. Pritzl said he will be asking for the same amount next year for full implementation and expenditures. De Wane advised Pritzl not to cut the initiatives short and to be sure to ask for everything he needs so he does not have to try to come back for money later on. He wants Pritzl to be firm in what he needs. Pritzl said he believes the budget he is advancing is realistic.

Pritzl continued his report by saying that they are still recruiting for the Children, Youth and Families Manager. The initial round of interviews has been completed and second interviews will be happening soon. He hopes to be able to announce a new manager at the next meeting. Pritzl also noted that they are starting a collaborative crisis planning project looking at youth crisis and working with juvenile justice, child protective services and behavioral health. He informed the University has a behavioral health partnership and this is a project that they do. It has been done in a few other counties, but Brown County is the biggest county that it will be done in. Hoyer referenced recent articles in the *Press Gazette* regarding childrens' mental health issues and said the articles created the impression that Appleton has all sorts of funds being spent on mental health for children and gave the further impression that Brown County does not have any, or very little funds being spent on childrens' mental health. Hoyer wanted to know if it would be possible to work with the newspaper to correct that notion because he found it offensive for the paper to suggest that the County is not spending money on kids. Pritzl assured that the County is spending money on mental health services for children. The article was based on State reporting, expenditure and revenues, and for whatever reason, the Brown County numbers are not being picked up because they are being wrapped up in larger behavioral health numbers. Pritzl said the County has an adolescent behavior health unit which is something that a lot of counties do not have. In addition, there are therapists, a psychologist and case managers that specialize and are devoted to children. Pritzl said Brown County has a number of resources that do not exist in other places. Hoyer would like to see this clarified in the media and the services celebrated. Pritzl said he did talk to the reporter several times because he did not like the way Brown County was portrayed and he did not appreciate it.

Pritzl continued his report by saying the Community Treatment Center is having increased utilization to a level that is causing other challenges. The average daily census in July was 13.1 with a capacity of 16. There are more instances where people are being sent to Winnebago when there is not capacity here. Pritzl noted they have to provide emergency detention services so there are times that people have to be sent elsewhere. Schadewald asked if there was anything obvious that would explain the increases, but Pritzl was not aware of anything. Schubert added that there does seem to be a pattern of more people presenting in a homeless situation meeting the criteria for emergency detention. Brusky added that one of the shelters is currently not open for the season yet and this could result in an increase as well. Pritzl said that they watch this closely and they are not hospitalizing people who should not be. Bay Haven is being utilized more and this is continued success. He complimented Schubert and his team on the work they have done on this.

Motion made by Supervisor Brusky, seconded by Supervisor De Wane receive and place on file. Vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken.

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11. **Statistical Reports.**
 - a. **CTC Staff – Double Shifts Worked.**
 - b. **Monthly CTC Data – Bay Haven Crisis Diversion/Nicolet Psychiatric Hospital.**
 - c. **Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**
 - d. **Monthly Contract Update.**

With regard to Item 11c, Linssen said he noticed there was a significant dip in reported investigations with regard to child abuse and neglect and asked if there was a specific reason. Pritzl responded that he would have to look into the specific screening decisions to make a determination on this. He did note that they are trying to use the alternative response and community response more than official assessments instead of having an investigation by a social worker. The process with alternative response is slightly different but it still involves a social worker, but not an investigation. In community response there is a position dedicated to all referrals.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to suspend the rules and take Items 11 a-d together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file Items 11 a-d. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor and New Vendor Contract.**

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

13. **Audit of bills.**

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to pay the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **Such other matters as authorized by law.**

Hoyer reiterated the next meeting will be held on September 28 at the Health Department beginning at 5:00 pm with a tour. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm.

Pritzl added he had recently attended the Public Safety Committee meeting where the recent escape of a patient from the CTC was discussed. He said there may be an opportunity there for improvement. Schubert said that the cost to improve the fencing security at the CTC would be about \$10,000 and he wanted to give the Committee a heads up that he is planning to move forward with getting quotes and recommendations on this. He has already met with one provider who assessed the fencing and presented some opportunities to improve security. De Wane said a motion could be made to fund the \$10,000 to move forward. Pritzl said he wants to get the quotes and then work with administration to figure out how to fund it. He said this originally went to Public Services but he wanted this Committee to know that he is working on this as well and to let them know that there will need to be some sort of appropriation to cover this.

15. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Brusky, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein	Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary	Transcriptionist

Document #1

May 31, 2016 E-Mail Sent to Eric Hoyer from Professor Alec Salt

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From: Salt, Alec [mailto:SaltA@ent.wustl.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 11:06 AM

To: Erik W. Hoyer

Subject: RE: infrasound questions

Erik

Apologies for the delay in replying, I was on vacation last week.

At the moment I am no longer active in the low frequency sound/ infrasound/ wind turbine field and do not get involved in the topic as an expert.

Our work certainly supports the fact the ear is more sensitive to infrasound than most would believe, but unfortunately it is not possible to connect this directly with health effects on humans or animals. I certainly have an opinion, but the science supporting the connection is lacking right now. For this and numerous other reasons, I am keeping out of it for now.

Thanks

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Document #2

Human Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 29, 2016

**At This Meeting Hoyer Read The May 31, 2016 E-Mail From
Professor Alec Salt**

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2016 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Hoyer, Supervisor Schadewald, Supervisor Brusky, Supervisor Linssen, Supervisor De Wane

Also Present: Supervisors Evans, Zima, Van Dyck, Health Department Environmental/Lab Manager Rob Gollman, Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, Finance Manager Eric Johnson, Nursing Home Administrator Luke Schubert, other interested parties and news media

Audio of this meeting is available by contacting the County Board Office at (920) 448-4015

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hoyer at 5:30 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of May 25, 2016.**

Supervisor Brusky noted the second to last line on the bottom of Page 5 did not make sense. A brief explanation was made of the language.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald as modified. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public:

Mary Kelly - 1430 Skylark Lane, Green Bay, WI

Kelly was here to speak on behalf of the mental health treatment committee of JOSHUA. The group is here tonight following through with their interest in the progression of the mental health initiatives that the County Board approved 6 months ago. Kelly wished to thank the Board for supporting the initiatives and indicated that JOSHUA looks forward to the County providing greatly needed help for those suffering from significant mental illness. She continued that recent talks at their subcommittee brought to their attention the initiatives and progression they are seeing or may not be seeing as the County continues to implement the changes. JOSHUA is aware of the vast undertaking these initiatives involve and they are hopeful that possible delays do not result in reduction of the funds that have been budgeted for these programs to date. Long term plans are essential for these programs and the goal is to make sure that treatment is not denied or delayed for those in crises or in need of help, nor for those with significant substance abuse needs. She thanked the Committee for allowing JOSHUA to make their voice known and for all of the great work being done in Brown County.

Benjamin Schauer - 6225 Highview Road, Denmark, WI

Schauer was here to ask the Board to consider dismissing former Health Director Chua Xiong's findings with regard to the wind turbines. He felt the findings were irrationally and irresponsibly made and said she did not take into account all of the evidence, such as his family, who lives right in the middle of the wind farm. Schauer continued that Xiong did not want to come out and speak with himself, his wife or his children. His wife and 2 sons have been suffering greatly at the hands of the wind turbines. Schauer noted that his wife sleeps in the basement and his sons have issues with sleeping and headaches and so forth and he asked the Board to seriously take that into consideration.

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Linssen's concern is that if an investment of equipment is made and the information comes forward and warrants a medical study, he does not want to duplicate costs. Zima responded that there is no duplication and all that is being asked for is to purchase the equipment and monitor the data and then look at the data and see what it shows.

Supervisor Van Dyck asked the Supervisors to add in the motion that a procedure be set up to document what they do in the future. He feels there needs to be a procedure that sets out how information is documented. Schadeewald agreed and does not object to this being added to his motion. Zima said the procedure would be to go use the equipment and collect the data. Van Dyck replied that there is a procedure to be followed for everything the Health Department does and he feels if you do not go out with some sort of a process or procedure, all of the data that is collected is useless. He is not trying to create a mountain out of a molehill or looking to kill this, he is just saying that there needs to be a process that will be followed. Evans added that he would like to see a log and summary compiled of the complaints, similar to what is done with Sanimax. He felt that having a process in place where the public makes complaints and there is a summary of it would be appropriate. He does not think this is research and he felt it was a fairly simple thing to ask of the Health Department. Evans would also like to see the Health Department have a conversation with Duke Energies on this.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadeewald to open the floor to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barbara Vanden Boogart - 7463 Holly-Mor Road, Morrison, WI

Vanden Boogart said she is grateful so many people are interested in documenting the problem and addressing it because this is an area that is having a problem as if there was a toxic waste going into the water. There are documented toxins within the Shirley Wind project already documented by experts in that field and she does not understand why the Health Department would need to buy equipment and train people to use it when there are already expert acoustical people who have documented the levels within the homes where people are describing illnesses. De Wane responded that if she wants the County to get involved, the County needs to have equipment and trained people. Vanden Boogart said the State has already studied over 20 homes where people are complaining and that tests have been done that have documented levels. De Wane pointed out that there are also a lot of different studies that do not agree with those studies. He explained that the County needs to do their due diligence and do their own studies.

Vanden Boogart continued that she is not trying to be an obstacle to a County study but noted that Rick James has already looked at a lot of the test results and analyzed them. The County has already trusted him to be an expert to do this. De Wane understands what Vanden Boogart is saying and how she feels, but reiterated that the County has to do its due diligence. Linssen pointed out that this is also to set up a procedure for future complaints which is a big distinction and noted that this is not necessarily going to be dealing with past complaints. Vanden Boogart suggested the County have Rick James analyze future data because he is already familiar with the issues but Hoyer noted that we are not at that point at this time.

William Acker - 3217 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI

Acker said it appears there are 2 major issues going on and what is trying to be addressed at this meeting is how the Health Department could address the problems that are occurring. He has no problem with setting up a process where if a complaint comes in, a staff member is sent out to investigate and take readings with a micro barometer. This is a device that is being used quite frequently and can be used by people without experience. The device is under \$500, but the data has to be read by a professional acoustician. Acker felt this would be a good process.

Acker said the other thing that is being struggled with is the proof that the readings they are getting are causing the health problems. This gets into an otolaryngologist who is a very highly specialized person on the workings of the inner ear such as Dr. Alec Salt who has done significant study. From Dr. Salt's viewpoint, he has no doubt that the pressure pulsations are capable of bringing on symptoms. Hoyer noted that he has contacted Dr. Salt to get his take on this and he received this reply, "At the moment I am no longer active in the low frequency sound/infrasound/wind turbine field and do not get involved in the topic as an expert. Our work certainly supports the fact the ear is more sensitive to infrasound than most would believe, but unfortunately it is not possible to connect this directly with health

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effects on humans or animals. I certainly have an opinion, but the science supporting the connection is lacking right now. For this and numerous other reasons, I am keeping out of it for now."

Acker was surprised with Dr. Salt's response as he has had discussions which were just the opposite. Acker also stated that when the first large industrial wind turbine was built in the United States, it brought on the same symptoms that people are having at Shirley Wind and that is not a placebo or some disorder where people got stressed out because they heard about the symptoms. NASA and other government groups studied it and the assessment of what was occurring with the first wind project was impulses in the low frequency and infrasound range and that was confirmed with wind tunnel testing that they went on further to try to find out what was going on. Acker felt there was a substantial amount of evidence.

Acker continued that he wanted to address the other side of the issue. He said the Health Department is handling the other side of the issue and they gave the Director of the Health Department the job to see if she agreed with what the Health Department Board members had decided earlier. She submitted a report and then shortly thereafter resigned. It was Acker's opinion that the report was a bad report.

Deslauriers said his goal was not to implement a micro barometer-type procedure. His goal is that detailed information be gathered by the Health Department at the time of the complaint and he hopes the motion reflects that. He feels this is a very simple thing and will bring this to an end. He is not trying to make this onerous on the County, but feels that after five years, the community deserves some information gathering in a procedure that mimics the other health concerns in the County. His goal is simple but critical; he would like it stated that it is infrasound and there is no regulatory authority or do the basic information gathering and assess the data. Deslauriers thanked the Committee very much for their time and attention.

A timeline for the motion was discussed as well as the procedure that occurs when there are complaints regarding Sanimax. Schadewald does not think the Health Department needs to do anything more than they already do for complaints regarding Sanimax or any other complaints. Gollman explained the procedure for responding to complaints regarding Sanimax. Deslauriers said he does not even necessarily think that Health Department personnel need to physically respond to the household unless there is a determination of an actual direct threat at that moment. He said that looking at onset, what made symptoms better or worse should be examined. He said this is a different situation than an odor complaint and, as such, he does not think that every single thing that happens with Sanimax has to happen with this. He is saying that this is a slightly different situation, but the information is still needed to get to the truth. Deslauriers felt that residents would also let the Health Department personnel know what is important to them. Linssen said it sounds like what Deslauriers is requesting is that there is some sort of self-reporting recording mechanism in place such as a form that can be filled out when someone has a complaint. Deslauriers felt that would be a good, logical first step. Schadewald directed Deslauriers and Gollman to discuss this a little bit and come back to the Committee with an update.

Van Dyck disagreed with the last part of the discussion because he does not think it goes far enough. He said having a call in line where people say what problems they are experiencing does not do anything to help the people. Data collected is nothing more than people calling in saying what they are experiencing. There would not be information about what the weather was or what the wind is, etc. Hoyer said that once they collect the data they can go back and collect data regarding weather, etc. Van Dyck said if the data is going to be collected, it needs to be useful data. If it is not known what data to collect, maybe what is needed is a consultant to advise the County to be sure that the right data is being collected in the right way.

It was agreed that 2 months would be given for the Health Department to come back before the Committee. Zima felt that 1 month would be a more reasonable timeframe. Hoyer said that it is the will of the Committee as to how soon this should be done. Schadewald wanted to be sure that the Health Department had enough time to do a thorough job on this. It will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor DeWane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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July 5, 2016 E-Mail to Bill Acker from Professor Alec Salt

- 1. In this E-Mail Professor Alec Salt shows his anger over Eric Hoyer's misrepresentation of the statements he made to Hoyer in his May 31, 2016 E-Mail to Eric.**

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William Acker

From: Salt, Alec [SaltA@ent.wustl.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 9:05 AM
To: William Acker
Subject: RE: From Bill Acker- Acker & Associates

Bill

I received your telephone message and I am astounded that my e-mail to Hoyer is being used to support the case that wind turbines do not affect people. This is so far from what I stated, it disgusts me and shows to what level these vermin will stoop to distort the facts.

In that e-mail, I stated that our work clearly shows that "the ear is more sensitive to infrasound than most would believe" but OUR WORK (in animals) does not allow us to "connect this directly with health effects on humans or animals"

I certainly do have the opinion that the connection will eventually be demonstrated scientifically, but it is beyond the capability of my work (in animals) to be able to do this. It requires careful human epidemiological or experimental studies.

If you want me to clarify this in even more detail, I am willing to do so. But my scientific conclusion based on our work in animals is that the ears of humans will be detecting and transducing infrasound at levels over 50 dB BELOW the level that is subjectively heard and this would certainly be expected to have an influence on sleep, mood, balance and other physiological aspects of the human that low-frequency stimulation of the ear is expected to influence.

If I can further clarify this, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Alec Salt

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Open Letter to the members of the panel developing the WHO Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region.

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Marco Paviotti.
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Stephen Stansfield.
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

We understand that you are currently in the process of developing the WHO Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region as a regional update to the WHO Community Noise Guidelines. We also understand that:

1. The new Guidelines will be based upon a review of evidence on the health effects of environmental noise in the light of significant research carried out in the last few years.
2. The guidelines will review evidence on the health benefits of noise mitigation and interventions to decrease noise levels.
3. The evidence will be systematically reviewed to assess likely effects such as: sleep disturbance, annoyance, cognitive impairment, mental health and wellbeing, cardiovascular diseases, hearing impairment and tinnitus and adverse birth outcomes.

One of the sources of noise you are investigating is that from wind turbines which was not addressed in previous guidelines.

We welcome your review because, despite mounting anecdotal and academic evidence, for too long mitigation against adverse health effects following the construction of wind turbines has been absent from planning guidelines and **noise pollution regulations** in many European countries, especially **with respect to sound below 200 Hz.**

There is a pressing need for new guidelines to encourage governments better to safeguard the health of their citizens.

You will be aware that these problems are not confined to Europe. Neither are they confined to human beings.

We are hopeful that your deliberations will result in tough new European guidelines which in turn will prompt a serious worldwide examination of all aspects of this problem, including the widely-reported effects on animals.

Yours sincerely,

The undersigned:

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William G. Acker Consulting Engineer with Acker & Associates; Eight years of research work on Infrasound & Low Frequency Noise from Cooling Towers, Industrial Wind Turbines, Boilers and Automobiles. Green Bay, Wisconsin	USA	10.07.2016
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Approximation of Costs for Response to ILFN Calls

• Additional Full Time Sanitarian (Wages & Fringe)	\$85,000.00
• After Hours On-Call Expenses (if implemented for afterhours response) @ rate of \$2.00/hour on call pay	\$13,000.00
• <u>Breakdown:</u>	
○ 251 days 4:30 PM to 8:00 AM – Weekdays (15.5 hours/day)	7,530.00
○ 104 Weekend Days (24 hours/day)	5,000.00
○ 10 Holidays (24 hours/day)	480.00
• X* (2 hour minimum pay per after hours call responded to) X = number of complaints responded to after hours	Unknown
• Mileage Expense	Unknown
• Dedicated Personal Computer/Windows Software	\$1,700.00
• Infiltec Infra 20 Microbarometer with Data Logging Software	\$350.00
• Training for Staff	Unknown
• Analysis/Interpretation of Data Collected (to be completed by an acoustician)	Unknown

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From: Werner, Mark A - DHS <Mark.Werner@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 7:37 AM
To: Gollman, Rob K.
Subject: RE: Response to Request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi, Rob. Here are some thoughts about your request:

- Provide input, suggestions, ideas and to assist in the development of a complaint report form for individuals wishing to report medical symptoms they attribute to exposure to infrasound low frequency noise. This form would include a medical questionnaire with appropriate follow-up questions regarding symptoms and past history and it may include atmospheric, physical and other conditions that may be relevant at the time of reporting.
- To my mind, the development of a complaint form makes the most sense in the context of a broader response plan that answers the question: when you receive complaints at BCHD, how are you planning to respond? I'd suggest broadening the scope to include noise (regardless of frequency) and keeping the form as short as possible with a text box for individuals to describe how they believe the noise they are exposed to is affecting their health. Perhaps some sort of medical questionnaire could be developed to follow up with some subset of noise complaints, but I don't think it should be part of the initial intake process. I think an interview (similar to a communicable disease follow-up interview) led by a BCHD staff member makes more sense.
- Are you planning to collect these complaints on the BCHD website? Or will you be distributing paper forms in some way? This may affect how long you want the complaint intake form to be.
- Provide technical advice and assistance regarding instrumentation/measuring device/recording device requirements and standards for the measurement and recording of ILFN. Specifically, what type of measurement equipment is appropriate, what is "approved" and recognized equipment and by which organization if any? Provide information regarding the use and training requirements and advise where such training may be obtained.
- There are devices that can provide reliable measurements of noise (including infrasound). I will probably need a bit more time to investigate this issue in more depth. As with the previous question, this answer may be partially dictated by what your agency response plan is going to be. For example, if you are planning to make a site inspection with a hand-held meter for a reasonably short period of time, you might need different instrumentation than if you are planning to leave a meter at a site overnight or for an extended period of time. I will check in with one or two of the toxicologists in my office to get a better sense of how well the devices we have in house might work in this situation.
- Assist in the analysis of data/recordings obtained. Advise if an "identifiable fingerprint" of the alleged offending source can be obtained and/or isolated from recorded data. Provide guidance in the interpretation or advise who one may consult for interpretation that would be a reputable party.

- We don't have much in the way of in-house expertise on this issue. Certainly we can assist with interpreting data once a device is selected. I am not aware of any reputable (or non-reputable....) parties with expertise in this area who could provide independent consultative services.
- Assist in the development of an appropriate Policy and Procedure for documentation, response and resolution of such complaints.
 - As indicated above, it makes sense that your agency policy should be firmed up a bit before doing too much work on a complaint form. I'd suggest starting with any noise ordinance you might have and see if it is sufficient in scope – or can be broadened – to cover the range of issues you're looking to address. Other issues – such as your agency's opinion on the hazard posed by noise and infrasound and the resources available to address this issue amid other priorities – should also be considered.
- Provide epidemiological support and analysis in development of the complaint process and gathering of relevant data.
 - To my mind, you're probably best to limit any initial intake form to a point where input or analysis by an epidemiologist is not warranted. I'd suggest starting with a minimal approach to data collection over a short period of time, then review those data and decide if you need more expansive data collection to support the level of response your agency has decided is warranted by this issue.
- Provide access to DHS legal counsel for consultation regarding potential issues associated with this project.
 - I have asked one of our attorneys for her advice regarding any role she would be willing to consider with respect to this issue. I'll let you know what her response is.

I will be out of the office today and tomorrow. I'd be happy to have a conversation with you next week (Aug 22-26) to discuss this issue with you further. Thanks.

-Mark

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Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 1:09 PM

To: McKeown, Karen D - DHS

Cc: Werner, Mark A - DHS; Phillips, Jeffrey J - DHS; Warzecha, Charles J - DHS; Jenkins, Tasha D - DHS; Armbruster,

Deborah; Hoyer, Erik W.; Schadewald, Richard J.; Culotta, Christopher D - DHS; Scheelk, Elizabeth E - DHS; Streckenbach, Troy J.

Subject: RE: Response to Request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints

Hi Karen,

Thank you for acknowledging my request. I look forward to your response and assistance with this project.

Thank you,

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Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 12:45 PM

To: Gollman, Rob K.; Werner, Mark A - DHS

Cc: Phillips, Jeffrey J - DHS; Warzecha, Charles J - DHS; Jenkins, Tasha D - DHS; Armbruster, Deborah E.; Hoyer, Erik W.; Schadewald, Richard J.; Culotta, Christopher D - DHS; Scheelk, Elizabeth E - DHS; Streckenbach, Troy J.

Subject: RE: Response to Request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints

Hi, Rob,

Thank you for letting us know your preferred timeline. We will be reviewing your request carefully, and it is possible that it may take us longer than a week and a half to have a response for you. If that turns out to be the case, we will let you know.

Thank you again,
Karen

Karen McKeown, RN, MSN
State Health Officer and Administrator, Division of Public Health
Wisconsin Department of Health Services

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Subject: Response to Request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints

Hello Mark,

I understand this follow-up is coming rather soon after my request, however I will be out of the office until August 17th and will not be accessing email until then.

Would you please provide a response to my request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints by Wednesday August 17th? I would appreciate a *written* response to each of the bullet points in the request. I have been requested to share this information with the Brown County Human Services Committee, members of the County Board of Supervisors and our Board of Health.

Thank you in advance for your response as well as assistance with this project.

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From: Gollman, Rob K.

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:09 PM

To: Werner, Mark A - DHS (Mark.Werner@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

Cc: Phillips, Jeffrey J - DHS; Charles.Warzecha@dhs.wisconsin.gov; 'karen.mckeown@wisconsin.gov'; Armbruster, Deborah E.; Hoyer, Erik W.; Schadewald, Richard J.; Culotta, Christopher D - DHS (ChristopherD.Culotta@dhs.wisconsin.gov); 'Elizabeth.Scheelk@dhs.wisconsin.gov'; Streckenbach, Troy J.

Subject: Request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints

Hello Mark,

In our telephone conversation on July 29th, you requested “a more detailed description” of the project objective and my request of the Bureau of Environmental Health and Occupational Health/Health Hazard Evaluation Division. The project objective is to develop a response plan to address complaints received from residents who state they are experiencing symptoms including intense ear pressure/pain, vertigo, insomnia, lack of concentration, anxiety, nausea and other physiological effects *as a result of exposure to infrasound low frequency noise from a suspected source or sources.*

My request of DHS and BEOH is to provide assistance to the Brown County Health Department in the following ways:

- Provide input, suggestions, ideas and to assist in the development of a complaint report form for individuals wishing to report medical symptoms they attribute to exposure to infrasound low frequency noise. This form would include a medical questionnaire with appropriate follow-up questions regarding symptoms and past history and it may include atmospheric, physical and other conditions that may be relevant at the time of reporting.
- Provide technical advice and assistance regarding instrumentation/measuring device/recording device requirements and standards for the measurement and recording of ILFN. Specifically, what type of measurement equipment is appropriate, what is “approved” and recognized equipment and by which organization if any? Provide information regarding the use and training requirements and advise where such training may be obtained.
- Assist in the analysis of data/recordings obtained. Advise if an “identifiable fingerprint” of the alleged offending source can be obtained and/or isolated from recorded data. Provide guidance in the interpretation or advise who one may consult for interpretation that would be a reputable party.
- Assist in the development of an appropriate Policy and Procedure for documentation, response and resolution of such complaints.
- Provide epidemiological support and analysis in development of the complaint process and gathering of relevant data.
- Provide access to DHS legal counsel for consultation regarding potential issues associated with this project.

I look forward to your assistance with this project. Thank you.

Best Regards,

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Subject: Request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints

Subject: Request for assistance related to Infrasound Low Frequency Noise Complaints

Hello Gentlemen,

I have been requested to develop a form for the documentation of complaints related to infrasound low frequency noise and suspected sources. I have also been requested by the Human Services Committee here in Brown County to provide an estimate of costs for instrumentation used to measure infrasound and to record it. Individuals claiming to be affected by ILFN suffer symptoms including intense ear pressure/pain, vertigo, insomnia, lack of concentration, anxiety, nausea and other physiological effects including internal organ tissue concerns.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health/Health Hazard Evaluation Section can provide in helping me to develop such a form including an appropriate medical questionnaire (including follow-up questions) as well as providing technical advice for the equipment necessary for the measurement, isolation and recording of ILFN sources. In addition, I am requesting assistance in interpretation and evaluation of data that would be collected.

Please contact me with any questions or to discuss at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for any assistance and direction you may be able to provide.

Respectfully,

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BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION FORM

Complaint #: _____ **Time Received:** _____
TYPE: _____ **POL. JUR.:** Brown County **DATE:** _____
Complaint Received By: _____

Person/Establishment Complaint is Regarding	Owner of Subject Nuisance Property	Complaint Reported by
Name	Name	Name
Address	Address	Address
Phone	Phone	Phone

Complaint:

Time & Date of Odor/Noise/Etc.: _____ (Information from Complainant)

How Reported: _____ (i.e. sanitarian intake like, answer service, email, etc.)

Disposition:

Odors/Noise (please enter)	Odor (intensity scale)
Wind Speed: _____ Wind Direction: _____ Temperature: _____ Time: _____ AM/PM Verified: _____ Yes/No	*As characterized by environmental health staff. No Odor <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> (For Prosecutorial Reference Only)

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Erik Pritzl Executive Director

To: Human Services Committee

From: Erik Pritzl, Executive Director

Date: August 24, 2016

Re: Executive Director's Report

Activities since the last time the Human Services Board and Committee are summarized below by the primary division area of the department.

Community Programs

Behavioral Health

Mental Health Initiatives:

- The Request for Proposals (RFP) related to the Day Report Center has been closed, and proposals have been received. All reference checks have been completed, but there was a delay in finishing those by the end of July. An award notice should be issued by Purchasing soon.
- A guide and information associated with detoxification services has been distributed to community partners. One of the concepts includes utilizing our outpatient orientation group, substance abuse assessment, and Bay Haven Community Based Residential Facility for continued assessment and support for high relapse risk individuals.
- Mobile Crisis Expansion was approved previously, and the contracted provider, Family Services, filled all positions by the middle of July. Comparing June to July, there was an increase in mobile crisis contacts (21%) and diversion stays (non-hospital placements). Mobile crisis response in less than 30 minutes was achieved in 88% of the mobile crisis calls.
- Department staff have completed a review of different options for residential treatment, and will be bringing a proposal forward in September for this component of the initiative.

Children, Youth and Families (CYF)

CYF Manager:

We have completed an initial round of interviews for the Children, Youth and Families Manager position. Additional interviews will be scheduled based on the results of the first round of interviews. The duties of the CYF Manager continue to be handled by an interim Manager for Child Protective Services, Kevin Brennan, and the Deputy Director, Nancy Fennema.

Collaborative Crisis Planning:

The CYF Division started working with the UW-Green Bay Behavioral Health Training Partnership on a collaborative crisis planning project. The purpose of the project is to improve coordination of crisis planning and response for children and adolescents. The project includes training and support for county staff, training for school personnel, and training for foster parents. The first part of the work with county staff kicked off in August with a role mapping exercise to promote a shared understanding of the different roles and responsibilities each distinct program area has with children.

Community Treatment Center

The utilization of the three units of the Community Treatment Center continues to be higher than 2015:

- The Nicolet Psychiatric Center unit has seen a continued increase in the average daily population to 11.6 for the year, with July's utilization higher at 13.1. We continue to see higher utilization by Brown County residents compared to other counties in 2016 (78%) vs. 2015 (68 %.) Community Treatment Center staff have been managing admissions to balance the needs of the community with available capacity. There have been a number of times in the past few months when NPC has reached capacity, and Bellin was not able to fully address the inpatient needs by providing overflow capacity. We have used Winnebago Mental Health Institute for these situations.
- The Bay Haven CBRF unit had an average daily population of 7.1 in July, bringing the year to date average daily population to 4.2 which is over the budgeted average of 3.6. This is a significant improvement over 2015, when the year to date average was 1.0 as of the end of July.

General Department Updates

Department staff are working collaboratively to ensure that billing for services is taking place, and assessing consumer fees for services, when appropriate, by basing the fee on the person's ability to pay as outlined in administrative code (DHS 1.) The department is ensuring there is communication between different program areas and Economic Support regarding a person's health insurance coverage, and if a person is without coverage, encouragement and direction to apply for Medical Assistance is provided. Economic Support staff have been out stationed at St. Vincent's Hospital and the Brown County Jail to improve access to benefits.

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Erik Pritzl, Executive Director

To: Human Services Committee

Date: August 24, 2016

Subject: YTD Results through June

Community Treatment Center

Financial results for the Community Treatment Center show a significant improvement from the prior year but are unfavorable compared to budget for 2016. For the first half of the year, the prorated budget is a deficit of \$401,885 compared to actual deficit of \$570,146 for a variance of \$169,261. Part of this variance is due to unexpected expense associated with a number of patients requiring 1:1 nursing care which have resulted in higher than anticipated labor costs including overtime and agency personnel.

Revenues are overall slightly higher than anticipated at 52% of the annual budgeted level. Personnel costs in comparison are 53% of the annual budget and other Operating Expenses are at 52% as of 6/30/16.

Community Programs

For the first six months of 2016, Community Programs is showing a deficit of \$68,712 compared to prorated budgeted deficit of \$470,972 for the first half of the year. This is a favorable variance of \$402,260 due primarily to significant budgeted costs for the Mental Health Expansion initiatives with limited actual expense in the first half of the year which will grow during the second half of the year with implementation of various new programs.

Overall revenues are at 52% of the annual budget YTD with Personnel costs also at 52% and other Operating Expenses including purchased services at 51% of budget for 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Johnson
Finance Manager



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Community Treatment Center

Through 06/30/16

Prior Fiscal Year Activity Included

Summary Listing

Account Classification	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% used/ Rec'd	Prior Year YTD
Fund 630 - CTC									
REVENUE									
Property taxes	2,797,019.00	.00	2,797,019.00	233,084.92	.00	1,398,509.52	1,398,509.48	50	1,289,141.52
Intergov Revenue	4,006,480.00	.00	4,006,480.00	358,985.95	.00	2,043,168.03	1,963,311.97	51	1,621,487.71
Public Charges	3,826,594.00	.00	3,826,594.00	337,971.98	.00	1,915,571.34	1,911,022.66	50	1,460,241.34
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,569,820.00	.00	1,569,820.00	175,386.21	.00	923,915.79	645,904.21	59	622,810.61
Other Financing Sources	.00	9,818.00	9,818.00	3,421.00	.00	9,818.20	(.20)	100	6,799.00
REVENUE TOTALS	\$12,199,913.00	\$9,818.00	\$12,209,731.00	\$1,108,850.06	\$0.00	\$6,290,982.88	\$5,918,748.12	52%	\$5,000,480.18
EXPENSE									
Personnel Costs	8,825,562.00	9,818.00	8,835,380.00	808,715.31	.00	4,705,824.17	4,129,555.83	53	4,562,768.08
Operating Expenses	4,178,122.00	.00	4,178,122.00	362,070.32	.00	2,155,304.87	2,022,817.13	52	2,179,116.32
Outlay	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	1,326.74
EXPENSE TOTALS	\$13,003,684.00	\$9,818.00	\$13,013,502.00	\$1,170,785.63	\$0.00	\$6,861,129.04	\$6,152,372.96	53%	\$6,743,211.14
Fund 630 - CTC Totals									
REVENUE TOTALS	12,199,913.00	9,818.00	12,209,731.00	1,108,850.06	.00	6,290,982.88	5,918,748.12	52	5,000,480.18
EXPENSE TOTALS	13,003,684.00	9,818.00	13,013,502.00	1,170,785.63	.00	6,861,129.04	6,152,372.96	53	6,743,211.14
Fund 630 - CTC Totals	(\$803,771.00)	\$0.00	(\$803,771.00)	(\$61,935.57)	\$0.00	(\$570,146.16)	(\$233,624.84)		(\$1,742,730.96)
Grand Totals									
REVENUE TOTALS	12,199,913.00	9,818.00	12,209,731.00	1,108,850.06	.00	6,290,982.88	5,918,748.12	52	5,000,480.18
EXPENSE TOTALS	13,003,684.00	9,818.00	13,013,502.00	1,170,785.63	.00	6,861,129.04	6,152,372.96	53	6,743,211.14
Grand Totals	(\$803,771.00)	\$0.00	(\$803,771.00)	(\$61,935.57)	\$0.00	(\$570,146.16)	(\$233,624.84)		(\$1,742,730.96)



Community Programs

Through 06/30/16
Prior Fiscal Year Activity Included
Summary Listing

Account Classification	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% used/ Rec'd	Prior Year YTD
Fund 201 - CP									
REVENUE									
Property taxes	16,249,887.00	.00	16,249,887.00	1,354,157.25	.00	8,124,943.50	8,124,943.50	50	7,530,376.02
Intergov Revenue	31,465,027.00	13,243.00	31,478,270.00	3,224,258.29	.00	16,674,021.13	14,804,248.87	53	39,567,244.74
Public Charges	2,183,021.00	30,500.00	2,213,521.00	204,924.74	.00	1,141,442.88	1,072,078.12	52	1,024,946.53
Miscellaneous Revenue	49,400.00	.00	49,400.00	16,688.08	.00	87,422.51	(38,022.51)	177	50,266.31
Other Financing Sources	530,500.00	(24,956.00)	505,544.00	47,211.00	.00	255,544.00	250,000.00	51	15,348.00
REVENUE TOTALS	\$50,477,835.00	\$18,787.00	\$50,496,622.00	\$4,847,239.36	\$0.00	\$26,283,374.02	\$24,213,247.98	52%	\$48,188,181.60
EXPENSE									
Personnel Costs	18,204,396.00	5,544.00	18,209,940.00	1,735,507.02	.00	9,385,940.88	8,823,999.12	52	9,591,355.39
Operating Expenses	33,215,383.00	2,500.00	33,217,883.00	3,219,274.27	49,335.26	16,966,300.86	16,202,246.88	51	38,678,751.75
Outlay	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	(165.00)	165.00	+++	13,267.90
EXPENSE TOTALS	\$51,419,779.00	\$8,044.00	\$51,427,823.00	\$4,954,781.29	\$49,335.26	\$26,352,076.74	\$25,026,411.00	51%	\$48,283,375.04
Fund 201 - CP Totals									
REVENUE TOTALS	50,477,835.00	18,787.00	50,496,622.00	4,847,239.36	.00	26,283,374.02	24,213,247.98	52	48,188,181.60
EXPENSE TOTALS	51,419,779.00	8,044.00	51,427,823.00	4,954,781.29	49,335.26	26,352,076.74	25,026,411.00	51	48,283,375.04
Fund 201 - CP Totals	(\$941,944.00)	\$10,743.00	(\$931,201.00)	(\$107,541.93)	(\$49,335.26)	(\$68,702.72)	(\$813,163.02)		(\$95,193.44)
Grand Totals									
REVENUE TOTALS	50,477,835.00	18,787.00	50,496,622.00	4,847,239.36	.00	26,283,374.02	24,213,247.98	52	48,188,181.60
EXPENSE TOTALS	51,419,779.00	8,044.00	51,427,823.00	4,954,781.29	49,335.26	26,352,076.74	25,026,411.00	51	48,283,375.04
Grand Totals	(\$941,944.00)	\$10,743.00	(\$931,201.00)	(\$107,541.93)	(\$49,335.26)	(\$68,702.72)	(\$813,163.02)		(\$95,193.44)